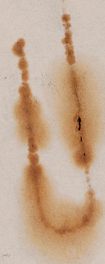


Anno Regni^o Regis Georgii Decimo Tertio. Copy ¹ 1.

An act for dividing the Town of Marlborough
and erecting a new Town thereby the name of Southborough.

Whereas the southerly part of the Town of Marlborough,
within the County of Middlesex, is competently filled
with inhabitants, who labor under great difficulties
by their remoteness from the place of Public worship
~~We~~ ^{and} ~~then~~ have thereupon made their application to
the said Town of Marlborough, and have likewise
addressed this Court, that they may be set off
a distinct and separate Town, and be vested
with all the powers and privileges of a Town.
And the inhabitants of Marlborough having
consented to their being set off accordingly.

Be it therefore enacted by the Lieut. Governor,
Council and Representatives in General Court
assembled, and by the authority of the same, that
the southerly part of the said Town of Marlborough,
as hereafter bounded ^{and} described, be and hereby is
set off and constituted a separate townships by
the name of Southborough; the bounds of the said
Town to be, as followeth, viz. Beginning at an Oak
Tree, by ~~same~~ called a Black Oak, standing in



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Westborough line, Then by Westborough line to an
heap of stones, where it meets with Framingham line,
Then turning ~~east~~ ^{easterly} only by sundry marked trees,
and heaps of stones until it cometh to a heap
of stones southerly of Troublesome meadow, and
from thence by marked trees; being the ancient
bounds of Marlborough; until it comes to a heap of
stones, near the house of Daniel Triper, from thence
extending to the ancient bounds of Marlborough to
dead Walnut and from thence to a heap of stones
in Framingham line, where it meets with the
lands still remaining to Marlborough, and from
thence by the several monuments and bounds, ex-
posed in the vote of the Town for setting the same
off, until it comes to the Oak Tree, first mentioned,
according to a plot of the said land, taken by Capt.
William Ward, and lodged in the files of the General
Court.

And the inhabitants of the lands, as before described
and bounded, be and hereby are vested ^{with} all
the powers, privileges, and immunities, that the in-
habitants of any of the Towns, within this Province
are, or ought by law to be vested with.

Provided the grant of the said Township be not



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Construed to effect the rights and properties of any persons to lands within the same.

Provided also that the inhabitants of the said Town of Southborough do within the space of eighteen months from the publication of this act, erect and finish a suitable house for the public worship of God and procure and settle a learned orthodox minister, of good conversation, and make provision for his comfortable and honorable support; and likewise provide a school master to instruct their youth in writing and reading.

And be it further enacted that the inhabitants of the said Town of Southborough who have not paid their proportions to the Minister's salary and other assessments, made in the Town of Marlborough, to the time of the publication of this act, be still liable to pay the same in such manner as heretofore.

And the respective constables of the said Town of Marlborough are hereby directed and empowered to collect the same accordingly. Provided always that the said inhabitants shall be entitled to have the benefit of any Town Rate, or Tax in Marlborough, already granted and made for the use of the

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said town only, in as full and ample a manner,
as they were before their being set off and made
a separate Township, anything however contained
to the contrary notwithstanding. —

July 6, 1727. This bill having been read three several
~~times~~ in the House of Representatives. Passed to be enacted.
times

W^m Dudley - Speaker.

July 6, 1727. This bill having been read three several
times. Passed to be enacted

J. Willard. Secretary.

By the Hon. the Lieut. Governor I con-
sent to the Enacting of this Bill.

W^m Dummer.

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att. Edward D. Banas. Secy. of Commonwealth.

